

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ink tank arranged vertically above a printing head for use in a printing apparatus, and capable of attaching and removal operations for being attached to and removed from a tank mount portion through which said ink tank is connected to the printing head, said ink tank comprising:

a moving member for engaging with a communication member having a communication channel communicating with the printing head, wherein said moving member engages with the communication member in accordance with an attaching operation of the said ink tank to the printing head, and being wherein said moving member is moved upward in accordance with the attaching operation to guide the communication member into an ink storage portion of said ink tank being attached.

2. (Currently Amended) An ink tank as claimed in claim 1, wherein said moving member is moved through the inside of the ink storage portion and an outside of the ink storage portion, and the inside of the ink storage portion is sealed with said moving member and a sealing member to be air tight to the out side.

3. (Original) An ink tank as claimed in claim 1, wherein said moving member includes a first engagement section for engaging with said communication member, at an end of said moving member, and a second engagement section for engaging

with an operation member for transmitting driving force for a movement of said moving member, at the other end of said moving member.

4. (Original) An ink tank as claimed in claim 1, wherein said moving member and said communication member have generally cylindrical shape with approximately the same external diameter as each other.

5. (Original) An ink tank as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a stopper portion for limiting the upward movement of said moving member.

6. (Original) An ink tank as claimed in claim 5, further comprising an urging-force member for urging said moving member upward, and wherein the urging force of said urging-force member allows said engaged communication member to be guided into the ink storage portion, and said stopper portion limits the upward motion of said moving member when said ink tank is not attached to the printing head.

7. (Currently Amended) An ink tank as claimed in claim 1, wherein liquid ink is stored in the ink storage portion.

8. (Currently Amended) A printing head for ejecting ink supplied from an ink tank arranged vertically above said printing head when in use in a printing apparatus, wherein said ink tank is capable of attaching and removal operations for being attached to

and removed from a tank mount portion through which said ink tank is connected to the printing head, said printing head comprising:

a communication member for engaging with a moving member of the ink tank with an attaching operation of the ink tank to said printing head, and having a communication channel being guided into an ink storage portion of the ink tank being attached by the movement of the moving member,

wherein said communication member is moved by said moving member in accordance with the attaching operation so as to communicate a liquid ink from the ink storage portion of the ink tank into said printing head.

9. (Currently Amended) An ink jet printing apparatus that which includes a carriage for mounting a printing head and which uses a the printing head for ejecting ink and an ink tank arranged vertically above the printing head ~~for use when in use~~, and capable of attaching and removal operations for being attached to and removed from the printing head, and ejects ink to a printing medium, so as to perform printing, wherein the printing head includes a tank mount portion for attaching or removing the ink tank, said ink jet printing apparatus comprising:

a moving member for engaging with a communication member having a communication channel communicating with the printing head, wherein said moving member engages with the communication member in accordance with an attaching operation of the said ink tank to the printing head, and being wherein said moving member

is moved upward in accordance with the attaching operation to guide the communication member into an ink storage portion of said ink tank being attached.

10. (Currently Amended) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising an insertion port cover capable of closing a insertion port for the ink tank when the ink tank is inserted for attached an attaching operation to the printing head, and wherein said moving member is moved in conjunction with a closing motion of the insertion port cover.

11. (Currently Amended) A liquid storage container capable of attaching and removal operations for being attached to and removed from a liquid using device, the liquid using device including a mount portion for mounting said liquid storage container, said container comprising:

a moving member for engaging with a communication member having a communication channel communicating with the liquid using device, wherein said moving member engages with the communication member in accordance with an attaching operation of the said liquid storage container to the liquid using device, and being wherein said moving member is moved upward in accordance with the attaching operation to guide the communication member into a liquid storage portion of said liquid storage container being attached.

Please add Claims 12 to 15, as follows:

12. (New) An ink tank according to claim 1, wherein the attaching operation of said ink tank is performed in a way that said ink tank slides along a bottom surface of the tank mount portion in a horizontal direction in the printing apparatus and is set in the tank mount portion.

13. (New) A printing head according to Claim 8, wherein the attaching operation of said ink tank is performed in a way that said ink tank slides along a bottom surface of the tank mount portion in a horizontal direction in the printing apparatus and is set in the tank mount portion.

14. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the attaching operation of the ink tank is performed in a way that said ink tank slides along a bottom surface of the tank mount portion in a horizontal direction in the printing apparatus and is set in the tank mount portion.

15. (New) A liquid storage container according to Claim 11, wherein the attaching operation of said liquid storage container is performed in a way that said liquid storage container slides along a bottom surface of the mount portion in a horizontal direction in the liquid using device and is set in the mount portion.